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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. McCOTTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fiscal Integrity
3 through Transparency (FIT) Act of 2008”.

4 **TITLE I—CONSTRAINING THE**
5 **GROWTH OF THE FEDERAL**
6 **GOVERNMENT**

7 **SEC. 101. CONSTRAINING GROWTH.**

8 (a) CONSTRAINING GROWTH.—Title III of the Con-
9 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at
10 the end the following new section:

11 “CONSTRAINING THE GROWTH OF THE FEDERAL
12 GOVERNMENT

13 “SEC. 316. (a) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be
14 in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate
15 to consider any concurrent resolution on the budget for
16 any fiscal year if the percentage increase for the projected
17 total outlays for such fiscal year compared to the projected
18 total outlays for the preceding fiscal year set forth in the
19 most recently agreed to concurrent resolution on the budg-
20 et exceeds the allowable growth percentage.

21 “(b) ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE.—As used
22 in subsection (a), the term ‘allowable growth percentage’
23 for the applicable fiscal year refers to the mean of the
24 annual percentage growth of mean earnings of full-time,
25 year-round workers; compensation of employees; and gross
26 domestic product (GDP) for the United States for the

1 most recent calendar year for which such data may be ob-
2 tained from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of
3 Economic Analysis (BEA) of the Department of Com-
4 merce compared to the immediately preceding calendar
5 year before the concurrent resolution on the budget for
6 the applicable fiscal year is reported by the Committee on
7 the Budget of the House of Representatives or Senate, as
8 the case may be.

9 “(c) SUPER MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR WAIVER.—
10 Subsection (a) may be waived or suspended in the House
11 of Representatives or the Senate by a two-thirds vote of
12 its Members voting, a quorum being present.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
14 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
15 and Impoundment Act of 1974 is amended by adding after
16 the item relating to section 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Constraining the Growth of the Federal Government.”.

17 **TITLE II—EFFICIENCY AND RE-**
18 **SPONSIBILITY FROM THE**
19 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

20 **SEC. 201. ANNUAL REPORTS BY FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS**
21 **AND AGENCIES TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT-**
22 **ABILITY OFFICE.**

23 (a) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Each Federal depart-
24 ment and agency annually shall submit to the Comptroller
25 General a report on the total operating costs of the depart-

1 ment or agency for the year covered by the report, with
2 a separate statement containing details on waste, fraud,
3 and abuse during such year.

4 (b) AUDIT BY GAO.—Each year the Comptroller
5 General shall randomly select 10 percent of the reports
6 submitted under subsection (a) and audit the reports.

7 (c) INTELLIGENCE REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Each
8 intelligence department and agency of the Federal Govern-
9 ment, and each intelligence-related division within a de-
10 partment or agency, shall submit to the Select Committee
11 on Intelligence of the House of Representatives the total
12 operating costs of the agency, department, or division for
13 the year covered by the report, with a separate statement
14 containing details on waste, fraud, and abuse during such
15 year.

16 (d) FIRST REPORTS.—The first reports under this
17 section shall be submitted not later than one year after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 202. ANNUAL REPORT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

20 (a) ANNUAL GAO REPORT ON REPORTS OF FED-
21 ERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.—The Comptroller
22 General shall submit to Congress an annual report on the
23 results of the reports submitted under section 201(a).

1 (b) FIRST REPORT.—The first report under this sec-
2 tion shall be submitted not later than 18 months after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 203. PLAN FOR REDUCTION OF OPERATIONAL COSTS**
5 **OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.**

6 (a) PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal
8 department or agency shall design a plan to reduce its
9 operational costs from \$.36 of every \$1.00 appropriated
10 to the department or agency to \$.15 of every \$1.00 (or
11 reduce their operational costs by 41.67 percent) appro-
12 priated to the department or agency through the use of
13 new technologies and standard management practices.

14 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—Not later than 10
15 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, each
16 Federal department or agency shall implement the plan
17 for the department or agency developed under subsection
18 (a).

19 (c) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS.—Each Federal de-
20 partment or agency shall submit to Congress a report each
21 year detailing the progress of the department or agency
22 in implementing the plan for the department or agency
23 developed under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 204. INFORMING TAXPAYERS.**

2 (a) STATEMENT TO APPEAR ON TAX RETURNS.—

3 The Secretary of the Treasury shall include, on each form
4 for making the return of tax imposed under chapter 1 of
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, a statement of the
6 aggregate dollar amount of waste, fraud, and abuse by all
7 Federal departments and agencies for the most recent
8 year for which the Secretary has received information
9 under subsection (b).

10 (b) DETERMINATION OF AGGREGATE WASTE,
11 FRAUD, AND ABUSE BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—The
12 Comptroller General shall annually report to the Secretary
13 of the Treasury the aggregate dollar amount of waste,
14 fraud, and abuse by all Federal departments and agencies
15 as determined by the Comptroller General on the basis of
16 the reports submitted by Federal departments and agen-
17 cies under section 201.

18 **TITLE III—PROVIDING EARMARK**
19 **TRANSPARENCY**

20 **SEC. 301. EARMARK TRANSPARENCY.**

21 (a) EARMARK TRANSPARENCY.—

22 Title III of the Congressional Budget Act of
23 1974 as amended by section 101 is further amended
24 by adding at the end the following new section:

1 “EARMARK TRANSPARENCY

2 “SEC. 317. (a) IN GENERAL.—All requests for ear-
3 marks received by the Committee on Appropriations (or
4 any subcommittee thereof) of the House of Representa-
5 tives or the Senate shall be posted by the applicable Com-
6 mittee on Appropriations (or subcommittee thereof) on its
7 website at least 14 calendar days before the committee or
8 subcommittee, as applicable, begins marking up the appli-
9 cable measure. Each such posting of an earmark shall in-
10 clude the name of the Member requesting the earmark,
11 the cost of the earmark, and a justification of why the
12 earmark is needed.

13 “(b) DEFINITION.—As used in subsection (a), the
14 term ‘earmark’ means—

15 “(1) in the case of the House of Representa-
16 tives, ‘congressional earmark’ as such term is de-
17 fined by clause 9(d) of rule XXI of the Rules of the
18 House of Representatives; and

19 “(2) in the case of the Senate, ‘congressionally
20 directed spending item’ as such term is defined by
21 clause 5 of rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the
22 Senate.”.